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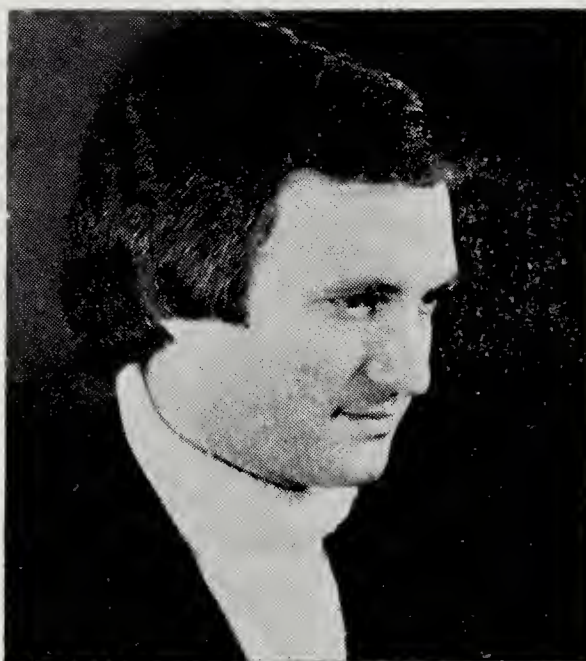
First Annual Sabbath Morning Service of Classical Liturgical Music On March 12 Dedicated to The Memory of Sarah Shapiro

The first annual Service of Classical Liturgical Music will be sponsored by Mr. George M. Shapiro, Chairman of the Board of Trustees in memory of his beloved mother, Sarah Shapiro. This special service on Saturday, March 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m. is indeed a meaningful way for Mr. Shapiro to pay tribute to the memory of his mother and is in keeping with her love, during her lifetime, of all that is creative and cultural in Jewish life.

The service will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Cantor David Lefkowitz and will be highlighted by the participation of the Camerata Singers, a nationally famed professional chorus of which Mr. Abraham Kaplan, our director of choral activities, is the founder and conductor.

Cantor Lefkowitz, who has continued the high cantorial standards of our synagogue, has developed this particular service together with Mr. Kaplan. They have gleaned choral masterpieces from the treasures of European Jewish culture of past centuries in notable Jewish libraries including our own Park Avenue Synagogue archives. Cantors and composers had a great impact on the spiritual lives of their congregants and have left a legacy of Jewish musical culture which has molded the development of Jewish music for generations.

We are proud that Park Avenue Synagogue, under the inspiration and leadership of Hazzan David J. Putterman, has become one of the prime forces in the renaissance of synagogue music. Just as



Cantor David Lefkowitz

we have encouraged the creation of new expressions in Jewish music, so too must we rediscover and perpetuate the roots of the Jewish *Neshamah* (soul). The American Conservative Synagogue is equivalent to the European *Chor-shul* and Park Avenue Synagogue is one of the Conservative Synagogues that still maintains the standard of choral music at all its Sabbath services.

The collaboration of Cantor Lefkowitz, Mr. Kaplan and the Camerata Singers represents a combination of talent which is unique in synagogue music. This is further complemented by the accompaniment of our synagogue organist, Neil Robinson. Mr. Robinson, whose distinctive playing has enhanced our synagogue services for more than a decade, was first introduced to Jewish music and carefully educated in its special require-



Director Abraham Kaplan

ments by Hazzan Putterman. He is an internationally celebrated organist. In a recent review of a recording of his concert from Chester Cathedral in England, Gramophone Magazine lauded Mr. Robinson for his spontaneously improvised four movement symphony: "We thought this art extinct; we perceive it now lives through Mr. Robinson". We would add that he is one of the finest synagogue organists as well.

Congregants, their families and friends are invited to attend this very significant service on March 12, presented by Cantor Lefkowitz and the Camerata Singers and directed by Mr. Kaplan with Mr. Neil Robinson at the organ. We are indeed grateful to Mr. George Shapiro for making this major musical event possible.

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A Message from The Rabbi

My friends, all of you are aware of the fact that adjacent to our buildings there stands an empty lot. It is waiting for a building—our new school building. We are in dire need of new educational facilities. Our school is so crowded that our children are compelled to study in all kinds of places not meant for instruction. Happily, I can report to you that each year we get a larger number of children who come to us—from Nursery School through High School. Our school has a reputation of excellence and is known far and wide. We should rejoice in the fact that we are getting more and more children each year but it is a saddening fact that we have facilities for them unsuitable for education. So then we offer you a share in a very great and important mitzvah—to help in the religious education of our children. Several hundred people have already made their pledges for the new building but hundreds more are expected. If you have not made your pledge as yet, may I urge you to make a pledge soon and to make it a generous pledge, realizing the importance of the purpose. Its importance is top priority and the pledge is payable over a period of four years.

You may mail it to me as quickly as possible during the coming week. We shall be grateful to you but, more important, the children of generations to come will be in your debt.

—Judah Nadich

If You Want an Aliyah

If you are observing a special occasion which should be marked by an *aliyah* during the reading of the Torah at synagogue services, please make your request to the synagogue office at least a week or two beforehand by phoning the synagogue office — EN 9-2600.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday night, February 258:30 p.m.

"ASK THE RABBI"

Oneg Shabbat Tea with Questions and Answers

Saturday morning, February 269:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Lisa Fier

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fier

PURIM SERVICE

Thursday evening, March 35:45 p.m.

Reading of the Megillah

Friday evening, March 45:45 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE

conducted by students of our High School

Saturday morning, March 59:30 a.m.

Rabbi Nadich will teach

Friday evening, March 115:45 p.m.

ANNUAL PARENTS ASSOCIATION SERVICE

AND SHABBAT DINNER

Saturday morning, March 129:30 a.m.

SARAH SHAPIRO MEMORIAL CONCERT

OF CLASSICAL LITURGICAL MUSIC

presented by Cantor David Lefkowitz and Camerata Singers

directed by Abraham Kaplan

Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak and lead the services, together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and the synagogue choir with Mr. Neil Robinson at the organ.

Reading of the Megillah Ushers in Purim

Congregants and their families are invited to attend the celebration of Purim beginning with the reading of the Megillah on Thursday evening, March 3, at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. The service will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich, Cantor David Lefkowitz, students of the High School and the Elementary School. The following High School students will take part: Carolyn Benveniste, Gabrielle Davis, Ian Finnell, Philip Gelman, Karen Katz, Karen Kirsch, Elizabeth Leiman, Shari Lusskin, Lisa Noveck and Susie Weinrauch. From the Elementary School: Lisa Bialkin, Deborah Davis, Elizabeth Lusskin,

Desiree Ratner. Myles Samotin will serve as cantor for the evening.

On Thursday afternoon, the Primary and Alef grades will read the Megillah in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Following the service there will be a social hour in the Lemberg Auditorium with dancing, singing and refreshments. The Parents Association, in cooperation with the Men's Club, will supervise the refreshments traditional of the holiday. The following members of the Parents Association will assume the responsibility of preparing and serving the refreshments for the Purim party and the children's party in the afternoon: Claire Brenner, Dorothy Tager, Judy Katz, Susan Klein and Nina Wachs.

Sabbath Services in Memory of Sarah Shapiro

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This is the first in an unusual series of musical programs at Park Avenue Synagogue this spring. The second will take place Friday night, April 22, — a concert of contemporary Jewish liturgical music. The third and climatic event on Thursday evening, May 19, will be a concert

with orchestra and the Park Avenue Synagogue Chorale of 75 voices, making its debut, both directed by Mr. Abraham Kaplan, and Cantor David Lefkowitz as soloist. Members of Park Avenue Synagogue are reminded to reserve these times for these major musical happenings.

Parents Association Sponsors Friday Night Family Service March 11 at 5:45 P.M. Shabbat Dinner to Follow Service

Congregants, their families and friends are invited to attend a family service conducted by the students of the *Daled* classes of the Religious School on Friday, March 11, beginning at 5:45 p.m. This will be the eleventh annual service and will be followed by a *Shabbat* dinner for students of the Religious School, their parents, families and the faculty of the school.

To see the students conduct the service and then later to perform the beautiful rituals, traditional of Friday evening, is indeed a rewarding experience! The lit candles, the attractive tables with *ballot* and wine, the *kiddush*, the Shabbat meal, the singing of the Shabbat hymns — all

contribute to enhance the meaning and beauty of Shabbat eve properly observed.

The price of the dinner is \$8.00 for each adult and \$4.50 for each child. Reservation cards have been mailed and it is suggested that you send your check immediately to Parents Association, Park Avenue Synagogue. Because of limited space, no one will be admitted to the dinner without a previous reservation. Chairpersons of the dinner arrangements are Isa Benveniste, Joan Levenson and Roslyn Weinrauch. They will be assisted by Beth Gahr, Carole Meltzer, Raymonde Schroeder, Nina Wachs and Ricki Zuriff.

This year the Shabbat dinner will reflect to some extent the skill of Isa

Benveniste, a member of the Parents Association, who is a Sephardic gourmet cook. Last February Mrs. Benveniste gave a lecture and demonstration of classics from Sephardic cooking sponsored by the Parents Association. This year the Shabbat meal will present some of the foods of a traditional Sephardic Shabbat meal.

As in previous year, students of the High School under the supervision of Peter Geffen, director of the High School, will assist in serving the dinner. A special word of appreciation to Mrs. Rahel Bloch, principal of the Religious School and Mr. Geffen for their supervision of the Family Service.

Gala Dinner-Dance and Journal Planned for November 6 at the Plaza

The Gala Dinner-Dance and the publication of a Dinner-Journal, which were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees, will take place Sunday evening, November 6, 1977 at the Plaza Hotel. This major social event will be a glamorous, black tie affair which is expected not only to bring about a closer relationship among our members but also to produce substantial revenue for the synagogue.

Chairpersons for the Dinner-Dance appointed by Mr. George M. Shapiro, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, are Mrs. Nathan Goldman and Mrs. Harold Tompkins. Mrs. Herbert Frommer, Mrs. Milton Gelman and Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan will serve as co-chairpersons. They have

already set the wheels in motion to make the Dinner-Dance a highlight of social affairs in the history of our synagogue. *You will be the guest of honor.*

The Dinner-Journal effort will be headed by David Goldstick and Andrew Fier, both experienced in publishing a journal and both capable and eager to make this journal a tremendous success. This, however, can be accomplished if you, our loyal members, solicit ads. It is not too early to begin now.

Future issues of the *Bulletin* will report definite details. Please reserve the date now — November 6, 1977 — and make every effort to attend this principal social event given by Park Avenue Synagogue.

Evening of Tennis Sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Club

On Saturday evening, February 26, the Mr. and Mrs. Club will sponsor an evening of tennis and games at the Bronx Whitestone Indoor Tennis Club. For the all inclusive price of \$15.00 per person, guests will have the use of seven championship tennis courts, a fully equipped locker room, a large lounge area and food and drinks. For those who do not play tennis, there will be scrabble, backgammon and cards.

As an added feature this year, the Mr. and Mrs. Club has engaged Avner Hachohen, one of Israel's outstanding ten-

nis professionals, a ranked player in the Eastern Tennis Association (ELTA), No. 1 player at the University of Jerusalem (1971-1972) and among the top ten players in Israel. He will be available for group or individual lessons.

Space is limited and, because of the popularity of this type of affair in previous years, we suggest that you send your check immediately to the Mr. and Mrs. Club, at the synagogue office.

For further information, you may phone the chairpersons: Joyce Auerbach (Ha 7-4290) or Eleanor Billet (348-8319).

Shabbaton Celebration You Are Invited

The Institute of Adult Jewish Studies will sponsor a traditional *Shabbaton* celebration at the synagogue from sundown, Friday, March 18, until sundown, March 19. For those who have attended Adult Education courses, this will be an opportunity to put into reality what they have learned in their classes, but everyone is welcome and all will profit.

The service on Friday, March 18, at 5:45 p.m. will be followed by a Shabbat dinner in the Lemberg Auditorium and later a study session with Rabbi Harlan Wechsler of the Seminary faculty. On Saturday morning, March 19, the group will worship at the service beginning at 9:30 a.m. After the service, a traditional Shabbat lunch will be served followed by a study and discussion session with Rabbi Wechsler and Rabbi Nadich.

The *Shabbaton* will conclude with a *Seudah Shlishit* — a third Sabbath meal — following the *Minhah* service at 5:45 p.m. in the Appleman Chapel. An informal study session, the singing of *Zemirot*, traditional songs of the Sabbath, will then take place. The group will return to the Chapel for the *Ma'ariv* service and *havdalah*, marking the conclusion of the Sabbath.

Please reserve the date, March 18-19 for this meaningful and enjoyable Jewish experience. Soon reservation cards and further information about the *Shabbaton* will be in the mail. We suggest that you fill out your reservation card and enclose your check immediately as space is limited.

High School Department Events of Special Interest

A special attraction of the *Vav* class for students in the 8th grade is the unique attempt by the faculty to devise courses that will be of special interest to students of this age group. This year a course entitled "Greet the Greats" introduces an important figure from Jewish history to the members of the class. Eileen Yagoda and Larry Zelnick, gifted teachers of the class, often come in full costume and discuss the significance of their costumes in relation to the time they were worn. Recently congregants were amazed to see a tall young man in turban and robe walking through the school building—Shabbatai Zevi had just finished attending his class.

The monthly high school dinner in January featured the presentation of a film by members of DOROT, a project which seeks to bridge the gap between generations by young people working with elderly Jews on the upper West Side. A film entitled *Bashert* was the basis of an important discussion about the obligations of generations to each other. Specific suggestions were offered to increase the involvement of our students in this worthwhile social service project.

In February, it is hoped that the monthly dinner will take place at the Jewish Museum, where officials have indicated an interest in increasing the involvement of young people in the affairs, events and exhibits of the Museum. This outreach program will hopefully add new dimensions to the PAS High School and to the program of the Museum.

On Friday night, March 3, the students of the High School Department will conduct the monthly Family Service in the main sanctuary at 5:45 p.m. Featured in the service will be the High School Choral and Dramatics Groups. Please make every effort to attend what promises to be an original and inspiring service.

On February 27, the High School Department will sponsor the annual Purim Carnival. Booths are prepared by the teen-agers for the enjoyment of the younger children in the Religious School and the community. Proceeds from the event are distributed to charities chosen by the student committee. Featured again

Sisterhood Luncheon Wednesday, May 18

Sisterhood's annual spring luncheon, an event to which congregants eagerly look forward every year, will take place on Wednesday, May 18, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

The purchase of one book for \$25.00 will entitle you to a delicious catered luncheon, certain to please the most epicurean taste, and excellent entertainment. In addition, you may be the winner of a magnificent Harry Winston gold and diamond pin, a ladies 17 jewel fashion watch, an 18 carat gold, emerald and diamond ring and many other valuable gifts.

One of the special features of the luncheon party is the warm spirit of fellowship—an afternoon to spend with friends, old and new—a wonderful opportunity to plan a luncheon party of which you will be proud. Special tables will be reserved for men so plan to bring the man in your life to enjoy an exciting afternoon.

Mrs. Arnold Pearlman, chairperson, and Mrs. Joseph Frankel, co-chairperson, have selected an experienced committee to supervise the details of the luncheon. They are already planning to make this year's affair even more outstanding than that of last May which won many compliments for Sisterhood. Your reservation card and book will be mailed to you. Please return it with your check as soon as possible and, should you desire more books, we shall gladly mail them to you. Every complete book you sell entitles you to an extra ticket for the luncheon.

High School Department (Continued from col. 1)

this year will be the dramatic presentation produced this year by the *Vav* Drama Group. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m.

Plans are proceeding for the PAS High School Summer in Israel. The program which is part of Camp Ramah in Israel will feature six weeks throughout the State of Israel with intensive experiences arranged with leading Israelis. Applications are still being accepted by Peter Geffen, Principal, in the High School office. Cost: \$1500.00 all inclusive.

Sisterhood Plans Visit To Seminary March 21

Sisterhood has planned a exciting tour of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America on Monday, March 21. Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, chairperson of the day, has arranged for a special bus which will leave the synagogue promptly at 9:45 a.m. to take the group to the Seminary. Miss Anne Kleban, director of field activities at the Seminary, who will meet the ladies in the Room of Rare Manuscripts and Books, will give a brief lecture on the books housed in the famous Seminary Library.

Following the tour, the ladies will have lunch in the cafeteria. Instead of bringing your lunch in the customary brown paper bag, arrangements have been made for you to buy lunch in the Seminary cafeteria where you can "dine" with the students and members of the faculty. After lunch, the group will visit the new Mathilde Schechter dormitories. The bus will then return the ladies to the synagogue at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The charge per person for the bus service and the tour of the Seminary is \$5.00 per person. To insure your reservation, please make out your check immediately to Sisterhood—Park Avenue Synagogue and send it to Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, 1185 Park Avenue New York, N. Y. 10028.

Newman and Leventhal PAS Exclusive Caterers

Newman and Leventhal, well known kosher caterers with an outstanding reputation for fine food and excellent service, have been appointed exclusive caterers at Park Avenue Synagogue. The selection of Newman and Leventhal as caterers was unanimously voted at a recent Board of Trustees meeting.

Many of you who attended our Congregational Seder last year catered by them expressed your satisfaction with the quality of food, the service and the desire to make the affair excellent in every respect.

We welcome Newman and Leventhal to our synagogue and hope that congregants who are planning a special party—a wedding, anniversary, Bar/Bat Mitzvah and any other event will call them at EN 2-9400. You can be assured of courteous attention and a desire to make your affair just as you want it to be.

Joyce Arnoff Cohen Speaker at Sisterhood Meeting, March 1 Cantor David Lefkowitz to Sing Cantata

Joyce Arnoff (Mrs. Murray) Cohen, past president of the Parents Association, and a member of the Advisory Council of Park Avenue Synagogue will be guest speaker at the Sisterhood meeting on Tuesday, March 1. Following a brief business meeting at 1:00 p.m., Mrs. Cohen will speak on "Arabs within Our Borders".

Cantor Lefkowitz to Sing Cantata

A special feature of the afternoon will be the presentation of a musical program by Cantor David Lefkowitz who has graciously volunteered to sing a cantata, "Roots of Zionism" composed and published by his father, Cantor Jacob Lefkowitz. Several members will take part in the narration. Sisterhood is indeed grateful to Cantor Lefkowitz.

Joyce Arnoff Cohen

Mrs. Cohen, who is a native of Cleveland, has a B.S. degree from Northwestern University where she was elected to the Mortar Board and Orchesis, honorary societies for students who demonstrate leadership. Today her leadership is evident in many organizations of which she is an active worker.

Her varied activities at our synagogue include membership on the School Board,



Joyce Arnoff Cohen

Membership and Building Fund Committees and particularly in the Parents Association where she has served as president.

Mrs. Cohen is chairperson of the Women's Manhattan Organization Division of UJA-Federation, and chairperson of Volunteers and coordinator of Cash Calls.

Her professional experience as the manager of overseas publicity for Asso-

ciated British Pathé in London and as overseas publicity for a division of CBS, as well as her frequent trips to Israel where she gained a first hand picture of conditions, have been invaluable in her work with UJA-Federation and other organizations.

At the conclusion of the program, a social hour will take place during which refreshments traditional of Purim will be served. Mrs. Charles Bennet, President of Sisterhood, Mrs. Charles Beller, chairperson of Program and Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, chairperson of the day, and board chairperson of UJA-Federation Manhattan Organizations of the Women's Campaign, look forward to greeting you at this meeting which promises to be of special, timely interest. Congregants, their families and friends are invited to attend.

We Take Pride In

Dr. Rhoda Cutler, Ph.D., who was selected a member of the International Society of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis. She has also been appointed Adjunct Associate Professor, New York University Department of Psychology. Dr. Cutler is a member of the faculty of Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

George V. Delson, who is the editor of *The Journal of Financial Planning*

Rose Hope Pack, who has recently been elected a trustee of the Doctorate Association of New York Educators and an adjunct assistant professor, Bay Ridge Campus of Long Island University

Ann Rosberger, director of Bereavement and Loss Center, recently discussed the problems of Widowhood on the *Today Show*.

Harold Rotenberg, upon the recent exhibition of his paintings at the Lowe/Levinson Art Gallery, Miami Beach

Michele Weal, whose book "Textures and Color in Needlepoint" received the Book Award of the Year from the American Needlepoint Guild. She has been commissioned to design the Torah covers for Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester in Chappaqua. Mrs. Weal is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaye.

Legacies Left to PAS

The Gifts, Wills and Bequests Committee records with appreciation the bequests of the late Mr. Milton Weill and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Starr to Park Avenue Synagogue. Both Mr. Weill and Mr. Starr were trustees of the synagogue and devoted, loyal members for many years.

In behalf of the synagogue and the Board of Trustees, Mr. George M. Shapiro, chairman, expressed gratitude for these generous gifts to be used for the Building Fund. A legacy to your synagogue assures the continuation, even after death, of the good works of the individual and an investment in the future of your synagogue.

Candle Lighting Time

Friday, Feb 25	5:23 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 4	5:30 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 11	5:38 p.m.

Sale of Passover Candy

Sponsored by Parents Association

Congregants have already received order forms and folders listing Passover "goodies" for sale under the supervision of the Parents Association. In previous years, the sale has been so successful that the sale of Passover candies and cakes has now become an annual project. The income derived from the sale will be used to make possible various events for the Religious School.

Please fill out your order blank and mail your check made out to Park Avenue Synagogue before February 14, 1977. If your order is over \$15.00 and you wish to have it delivered, please indicate your request. All other orders can be picked up at the synagogue starting March 7.

Deedee Goldstick and Evalyn Yudkoff, chairpersons, will assume the responsibility of coordinating and distributing the orders.

Tours to France Cancelled by United Synagogue of America

The United Synagogue, in keeping with its policy that justice and Jewish honor must take precedence at all times, is cancelling all tours to France at great cost to itself. Because letters describing the tours are sent weeks before the target date, it is obvious that the letter announcing the United Synagogue tour to France went out weeks before the Abu Daoud affair. There was no way to intercept the mails when France's perfidy in releasing Abu Daoud was made known.

The United Synagogue of America, in the near future, will send out information of projected tours to the Scandinavian countries, the Alps and the Far East.

A Speedy Recovery

We are sorry that the following friends and members of the congregation are ill and we send them best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery: Harry A. Cohen, Mrs. Herbert Frommer, Mrs. Priscilla Saril, Mrs. Philip Mittenenthal.

Men who are retired or semi-retired, are invited to join the Retirees Group, which meets every Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Subscribe To a Good Magazine

From time to time the Bulletin recommends an Anglo-Jewish magazine worth subscribing to. This time we call to your attention THE JEWISH SPECTATOR. It is one of the most stimulating American Jewish magazines and it is an independent periodical whose editor dares to speak out on important issues of concern to American Jews. The Resolutions Committee at the 75th Annual Convention of The Rabbinical Assembly said: "The American Jewish community owes the editor of THE JEWISH SPECTATOR a vote of thanks".

A subscription to this quarterly magazine may be sent to its address: THE JEWISH SPECTATOR — 250 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y. 10019. The subscription rates are \$10 for one year, \$18 for two years, \$26 for three years.

Religion's Business

The first business of religion is to proclaim the standards of right and wrong revealed by God to man, and to insist unflinchingly on their implementation. Religion's business is to serve as critic of man and society, and as reminder of these immutable principles that are the pillars of our religious and moral heritage.

What must be emphasized in the present context is that wrongdoing is evil even if it is legal; that wickedness and distortion of justice are no less evil if they are endorsed by the institutions of government and by popular consensus. Religion's business is to be involved by yardsticks greater than any man or even the overwhelming multitude of men.

To this essential message of the prophets must be coupled a corollary that is rehearsed in the Bible time and again, and that is that no city, however hallowed by tradition and institutions, is immune to judgment by the identical yardsticks that are applicable to individuals and their enterprises. No city is so sacred as to merit or compel saving for its own sake.

The business of religion is to exert every effort to save the city and its inhabitants, its markets and its houses of study and worship by reaffirming these principles and by striving to mobilize every possible source of strength in the work of repair, rectification and rehabilitation. The duty of the man of religion is to preach, in the hope that Nineveh itself will overhaul its ways and thereby save the myriads of persons who are innocent of all wrong. The business of religion is to do in New York in 1976 as Jonah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel did in ancient times, to speak the truth and warn of the calamity that this city is bringing upon itself and upon countless men, women and children who have put their trust in it.

This article gives excerpts from a speech by Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, at a symposium on moral issues held at the Cathedral of St. John The Divine. The address is printed in the current edition of *Conservative Judaism*. You may subscribe by calling Mrs. Norma Daub, Rabbi Nadich's secretary—EN 9-2600.

FESTIVAL OF PURIM

Therefore do the Jews make the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and of sending portions one to another.

Esther 9.19.

Purim is the commemoration of the deliverance of the Jews of the Persian Empire from extermination at the instigation of Haman, Prime Minister at the Court of King Ahasuerus. The intercession of Queen Esther resulted in the rescue of the Jews by Mordecai, a devout Jew esteemed in court circles. This year Purim which is celebrated on the 14th of *Adar* falls on Friday, March 4, beginning on the previous evening. On the eve of Purim Thursday, March 3, the *Megillah* will be chanted at the service in the sanctuary at 5:45 p.m.

The festival takes its name from the word Purim meaning "lots", a reference to the drawing of lots by Haman to select the day favorable for the destruction of the Jews. From the Scroll of Esther known in Hebrew as *Megillat Esther*, in the third part of the Bible called The Writings, we learn the story of Purim which relates the experiences of our people throughout the ages with the hatred of the Hamans of every generation and the eventual victory and the eternal hope for a brighter future. The real significance of Purim is the moral and religious lessons it imparts; namely, that tyrants who seek to destroy others are ultimately destroyed themselves and that faith is a source of great spiritual strength which helps us to overcome the adversities of life.

Celebration in the Home

Purim is not only a day of feasting and gladness but also a day of gift giving and of remembering those less fortunate than we. The home should create the spirit of the holiday. Special foods are served at the evening meal on Purim — among them the *kneplach*, the three-cornered fritter filled with minced meat, and the *hamantaschen*, the three-cornered cakes symbolic of Haman's hat.

Park Avenue Synagogue extends to all members and their families best wishes for a happy Purim.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to congregants who celebrate anniversaries in February:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Adler
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Berger
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bienenstock
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brenner
Mr. and Mrs. Manny E. Duell
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Edelman
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Eisen
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Eisenberg
Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Eskin
Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Green
Mr. and Mrs. Gedalia Grinberg
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hausman
Mr. and Mrs. Ran Hettena
Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Katz
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Landis
Hon. and Mrs. James J. Leff
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis G. Lehr
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lieberman
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Michael
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pearce
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice H. Peltz
Mr. and Mrs. Bertram L. Podell
Dr. and Mrs. Leon Pordy
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Postel
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold L. Putterman
Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Marshall Reiback
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rodbell
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rosenberg
Mr. and Mrs. A. Harris Rosenblum
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Russekoff
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold L. Sabin
Dr. and Mrs. James A. Sasmor
Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Shafer
Dr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman
Mr. and Mrs. Max D. Spitzer
Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Stein
Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Taub
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wolf

Congratulations

The congregation is happy to extend congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mittenthal upon the birth of a great-grandson, Eric Brian Mittenthal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mittenthal.

A Note of Appreciation

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heller wish to thank their many good friends for their thoughtfulness in remembering their sixtieth wedding anniversary. They received so many messages of congratulations from congregants that it is impossible for them to thank each one personally. They are especially grateful to Sisterhood for the beautiful *kiddush* in their honor after the *Sabbath* service on January 29.

We all join in wishing Irma and Milton many more happy, healthful years together in the midst of their dear ones.

Contributions to Park Avenue Synagogue

Park Avenue Synagogue expresses its appreciation for these contributions:

Synagogue Offerings

Mrs. Norbert Acker in memory of her husband
Mr. Alfred Appel for prayers recited for his father-in-law, Samuel L. Hoffman
Mrs. Elsa Beard in memory of Leo Epstein
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boneparth in memory of Anna Peters
Mrs. Jennie Cohen in memory of Lena Spiegel and Gertrude Cohen
Gerry Cornes in memory of Ralph Barnett's mother
Mr. Howard Dragutsky in memory of Herbert M. Garfinkel
Mrs. Jack H. Einiger in memory of Marion Salinger
Mrs. Sol Fineman in memory of her husband
Mrs. Helen Forman in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Susanne Weinrauch
Mr. Sidney Friedman in honor of his birthday
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Frumkes in memory of Harry Frumkes
Mr. A. Stanley Gluck in memory of Benjamin Glass
Mr. Jed L. Hamburg in memory of Shabtai Hamburg
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jankoff in honor of Mrs. Samuel Krivit
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jankoff for the good health of Comm. and Mrs. Nathan H. Mitchell's son-in-law, Leonard
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jankoff in honor of Lillie Grossman
Sarah and Abraham Kaplan in memory of their father
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ladin in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary and also in honor of Mrs. Ladin's birthday
Mrs. Robert Price in memory of her father, Abraham Wiener
Mrs. Alfred Lifflander in memory of her parents, Charles M. and Henrietta H. Pergess
Mrs. Gerta Scharf in memory of her husband
Mrs. Bert Simon in memory of her mother, Augusta Blum
Ms. Sheila Tennenbaum

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

Mr. R. N. Barnett upon the death of his mother, Elsa Barnett

The family of Florence (Mrs. Herman) Belth upon her death

Mr. Morris Ginsberg upon the death of his wife, Pepi Ginsberg

Mr. Nathan Goldman upon the death of his sister, Miriam Zirkell

Mr. Egon Loewy upon the death of his wife, Gertrude

The family of Irving Oshinsky upon his death

Mrs. Herman Seigenfeld upon the death of her husband

In honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heller:
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Falkenstein
Nathan and Anna Heyman
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jankoff
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Levey
Dr. and Mrs. Jack Oberman
Dr. and Mrs. Sigmund Siegel
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney D. Rosoff in memory of Joseph B. Abrams

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Welfare Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Wimpfheimer in honor of their wedding anniversary

Professor William Reiner Scholarship Fund

Dr. Myrtle L. Reiner in memory of Professor William B. Reiner

Mrs. William Reiner and Mr. Peter Vogelsson-Reiner in honor of the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Wimpfheimer

Mr. Peter L. Vogelsson-Reiner in memory of his father, Professor William B. Reiner

Audio-Visual Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stowe in honor of their wedding anniversary

Library Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Saltzman

The Gift Shop

Our Ceremonial Gift Shop has a fine selection of beautiful, meaningful gifts for everyone in the family and for every occasion — *Bar/Bat Mitzvahs*, *tallitot* and *tefillin*, Purim and Passover gifts, housewarming, wedding, anniversary and birthday presents — to name only a few. There is also an attractive selection of gifts for young people — jewelry, games, books and many other items.

Mrs. Jacob Applebaum, chairperson, is ably assisted by Mrs. Isidor Hahn, Ms. Sue Wasserman, Mrs. Muriel Willins. The shop is open every Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. On other days, please phone Mrs. Applebaum (RH 4-6119) for an appointment. She will be happy to help you with your selection.

Project Yachad

From Mrs. Alan Davidson, chairperson for Soviet Jewry Action at our synagogue, we learn the following story of the Shor family:

Park Avenue Synagogue has adopted the Shor family of Kishinev. They are young people who applied for a visa to go to Israel May 1976 and were refused in September of that year. The reason given was that Mrs. Shor's parents refused to give their consent for their daughter to leave.

Miron Shor born in 1942 is a building engineer; Anna Shor born in 1945 is an economist. The couple has one child, Renata, born in 1973.

Your letters to them will be a constant source of comfort and reassurance and we hope that many of you will write to:

Miron and Anna Shor

Roz Street 3-2 Apt. 3

Kishinev

Moldavia SSR — USSR

All mail should be sent airmail at 31 cents; registered at \$2.10; return receipt requested 32 cents.

Future news of the Shor family will be printed in the *Bulletin* and perhaps letters you receive can be brought to the attention of our congregants.

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5:45 p.m. (one half hour)
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